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Year 6

Autumn Term 2024

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English

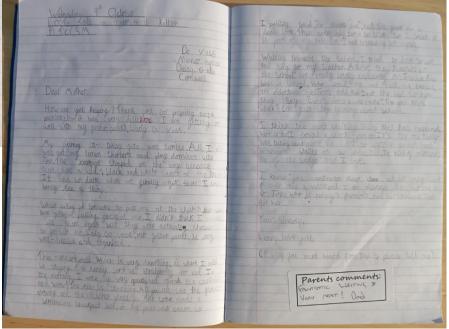
The first unit of work Y6 completed was a descriptive piece about the Blitz. This made good use of figurative language including similes and metaphors. The children were inspired to write by watched footage of WW2 bombing raids to imagine a bomb falling through the air.



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The main character in the story, Lenny, is evacuated to the countryside. He struggles to settle in as some of the other characters are unkind to him and he misses his family. The children wrote letters imaging they were Lenny, back to his mother.



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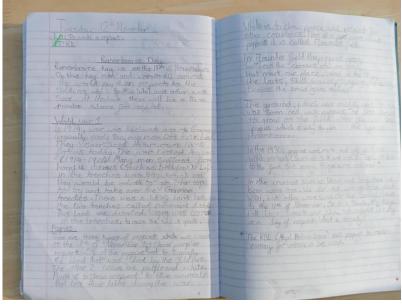
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Studying excellent literature helps children to develop their own character. During our topic about WW2, the children learnt how Jewish people were persecuted by the Nazis in Europe during the war. They then learnt about the incredible story of Anne Frank and her family who hid in the annex to keep themselves safe. Once the children were able to empathise with Anne and her experience, they wrote their own diary entries inspired by her.

In November, the class wrote some reports about Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day.



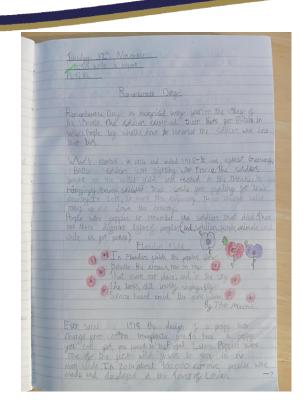


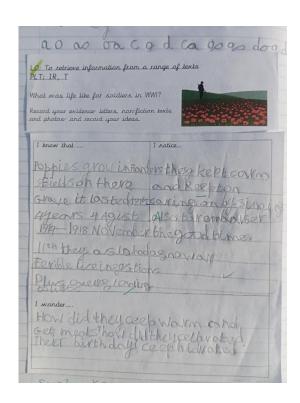
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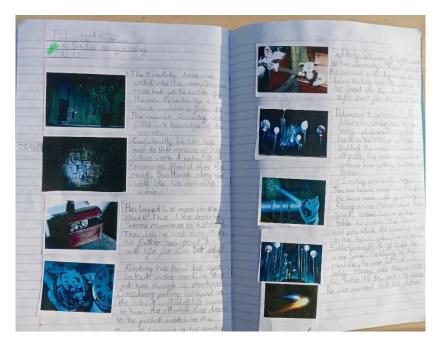


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The children also wrote descriptive writing based on an animation called 'The Astronomer's Son.



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Each morning starts with challenging maths tasks that help the children to recall the learning they have completed previously. They also practise their times tables to ensure these are deeply embedded.

At Connor Downs, the children tackle fluency, reasoning and problem-solving tasks throughout each of their maths topics to "master" each skill before being ready to progress to the next unit of work. This term, the children have completed a place value unit which explores numbers up to 10 million. This includes ordering numbers, sequencing them, rounding and partitioning them into parts.





The children were able to put their skills with large numbers into good practise in their geography lessons this terms exploring the value of different countries exports and their population size.

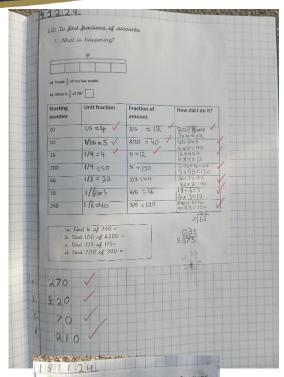
The children also completed work around the four operations- addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They have developed formal written methods for these and solved problems using them. They also developed their fluency around number properties including factors, primes and squared and cubed numbers.

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The final unit studied this term has been about fractions. The children have been taught to add and subtract fractions with proper fractions and mixed numbers. They have learnt to multiply and divide fractions by whole numbers, to find fractions of amounts and to order fractions. The children were enthusiastic and focused throughout and could confidently talk about how to complete their tasks.

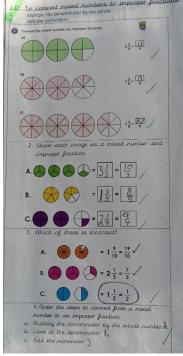
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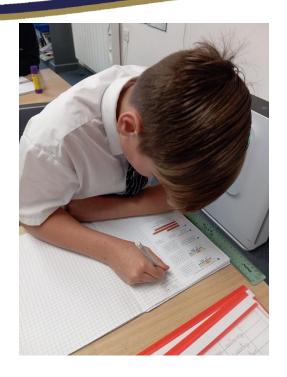


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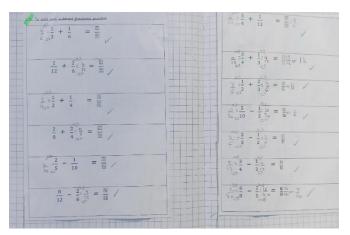




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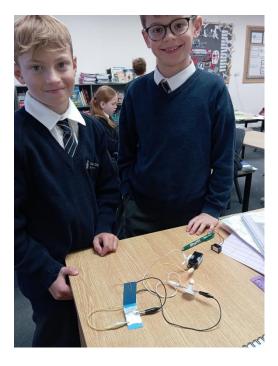


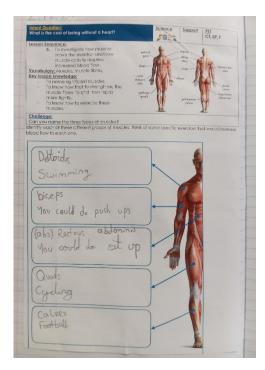


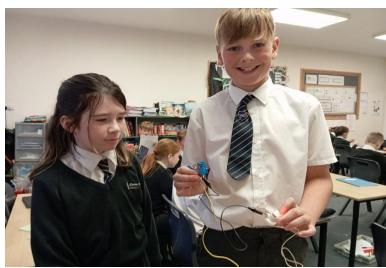
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Science

In Science, the children have explored electricity. This included exploring static electricity and making circuits to power bulbs, buzzers and motors. They were increasingly able to spot what had gone wrong with a circuit. The children investigated voltage though an investigation involving changing the number of bulbs in a circuit. They also learnt what happens when more volts are put into a circuit than a bulb can manage!





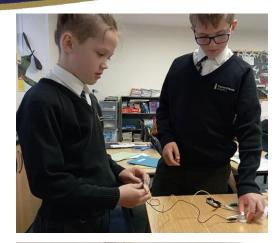


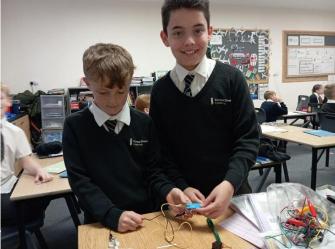
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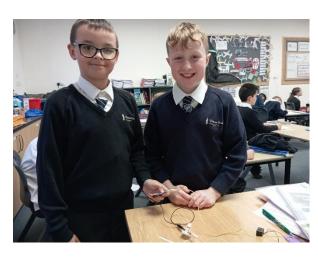
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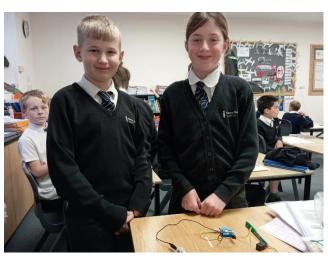












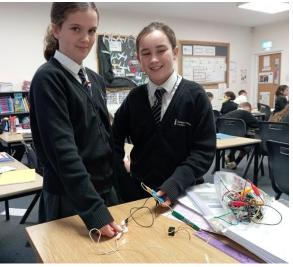
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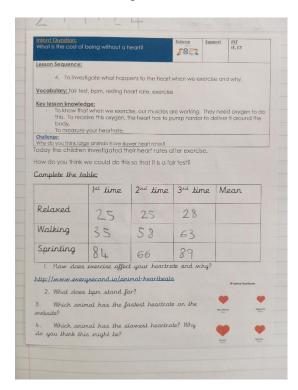


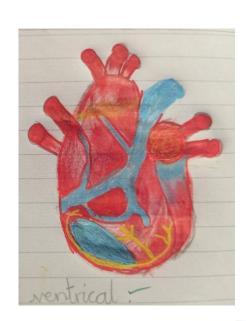
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Later in the term, Y6 learned about keeping healthy. They learnt about different food groups and why it is important to have a healthy diet. They also enjoyed coming up with exercises they could do to work the different muscle groups in their bodies and learning about how the circulation system works.





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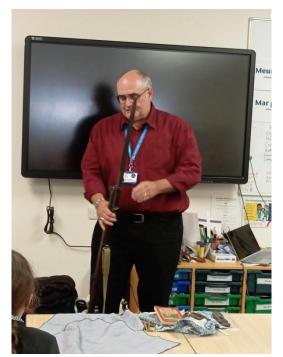




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History

Learning about WW2 is always a very engaging topic. Children especially enjoy learning how people's lives were affected by the war, such as how children's lives and how food and cities changed. The children explored how war broke out in the first place in 1939 and how it ended in 1945.



Mr Gallagher, our Hub councillor and keen historian, visited school to share some intriguing WW2 objects with the children. These included a variety of weapons, bullets and everyday items such as an inkwell. Mr Gallagher allowed the children to (safely) handle these and answered their questions.





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We are very grateful to the Prefects and School Councillors who represented the school at Hayle War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday- thank you for carrying out your role so responsibly and looking so smart. Thank you also to all the children who brought objects and shared objects from their own family histories- this shows how much the children are enjoying studying history.

Geography

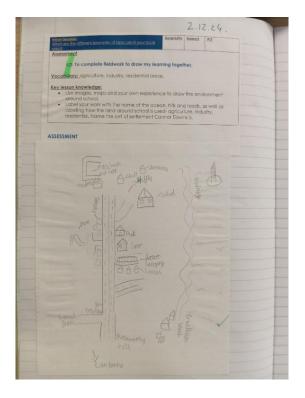
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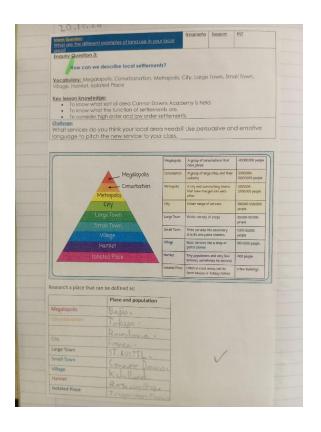




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Our topic has been entitled 'Our local area' and has included learning about the environment around school. The children learnt that the land can be used for agriculture, industry, commerce or residential properties. The children also learnt about local rivers, what affects the climate. They also recalled their trip to Bodmin Moor in Y5 and described the environment there.





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This term, a group of children received their 'Sports Leaders' training to organise and run games for the children at break and lunchtime. They can be identified by their smart baseball caps! The children are all very enthusiastic and are keen to promote physical activity in school as well as developing their leadership skills.

Some members of Y6 also took part in football competitions and cross country. This gives them a marvellous opportunity to develop teamwork skills.

In September, the children enjoyed their swimming lessons at St Ives. All children made good progress and built their water confidence. The children also completed a series of lessons in gymnastics. They worked in pairs to build routines that showed mirroring and matching. The class spent time watching each other perform and giving each other tips to improve.



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Mr Eddy, from Mounts Bay Academy, shared the

story of his recent sporting success in Hawaii, taking part in an ultra-triathlon. What an accomplishment! The children asked interesting questions and considered how much the human body can achieve with dedication, focus and careful preparation.

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Year 6 have learned to sing 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. They explored its rhythms and used instruments used to recreate the music and improvise for themselves. We have also worked hard to learn and perform our songs in the Christmas Performance of 'Hosanna Rocks'.



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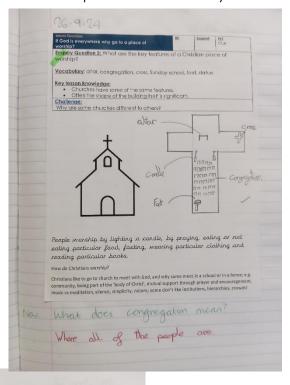
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RE

The children completed a unit considering how places of worship are used and why

they are important. The final unit considered the Christian story of creation, which explains that God created the world in 7 days. The children learn the story and considered the huge philosophical question about how and why there is life on earth. We also shared the scientific explanation for the existence of Planet Earth which included learning about the big bang theory and evolution, which supports our science topic 'Evolution'.





Vocabulary: images, word	s, music, community, faith, co	ore, connec	
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These are th	ne answers- what was t	he questi	on?
Show	To see the art	To think	
devotion to God	work	about loved ones	
To see their	To say thank	To meet new	
friends	you	people	
To sing	To think about your life	To feel part of a community.	

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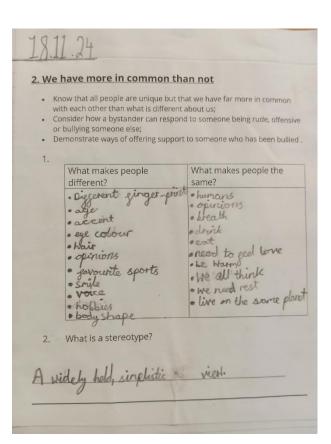


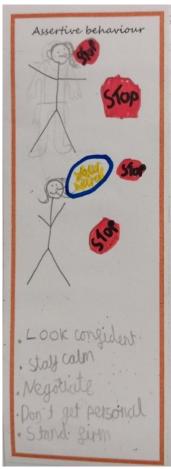
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PSHE

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economics) is delivered through our weekly SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship) program, but is present

in all that we do in school. This term the focus has been on Me and my Relationships and Valuing Differences. The children have been learning about friendships, specifically getting on with each other and falling out. They spend time role playing how to be assertive during these lessons and understanding the role of the bystander.







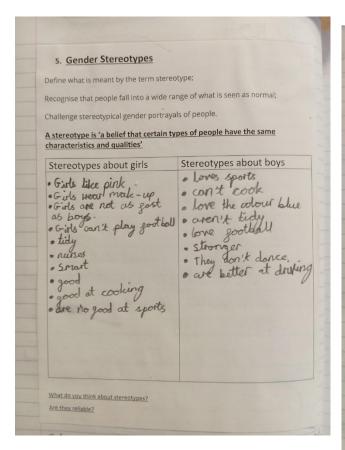
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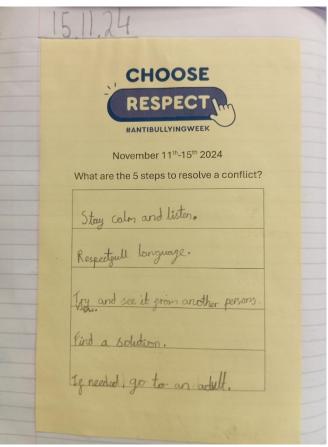




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The children have explored stereotypes of boys and girls this half term, as well as different cultural norms from other countries. This helps the class to develop their understanding that whilst people on planet earth are different, we are all equal.





During anti-bullying week we focused on resolving conflicts and defining bullying.

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Y6 thought about having a positive mindset, by writing can't on a post- it, then ripping off the 't leave 'can'. The class thought about all the things they couldn't do, but now can!



Y6 pupils laid out all the offerings for our Harvest Festival in October.
What a lot of food!

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French

The children have learnt to count in French up to 50 and can name a range of festivals. They have also learn the song 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes'.



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This term Y6 have learnt about landscape art, including looking at the work of renowned local artist Kurt Jackson. The children learnt to mix paint, use perspective and created collages showing atmosphere.



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Computing

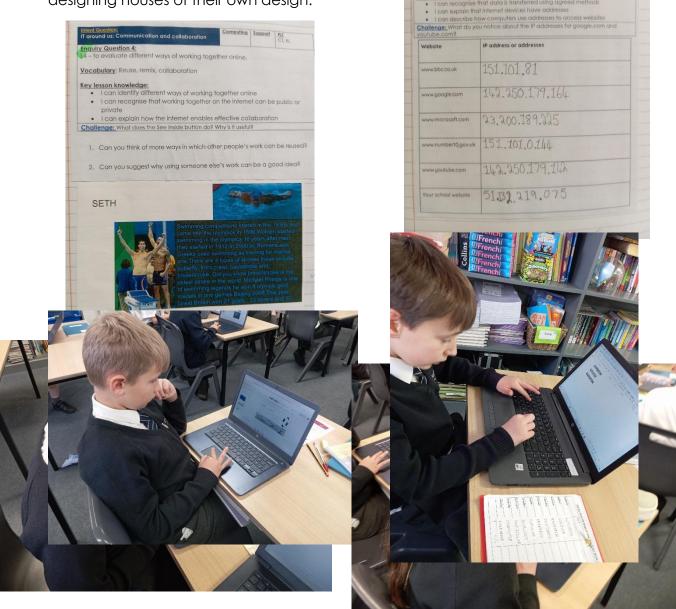
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Having explored Tinkercad, an online 3D modelling programme, Y6 then designed name badges and pen pots. They then used their skills to duplicate shapes and group objects when designing houses of their own design.



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During the taster day at Hayle School, the children enjoyed making fruit animals in cookery and tested the pH level of different substances in science. This important experience helps begin the transition process from primary to secondary school.









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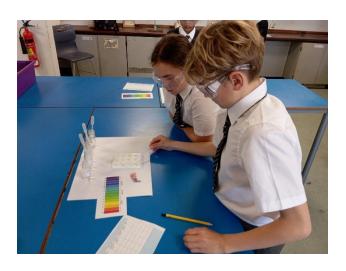
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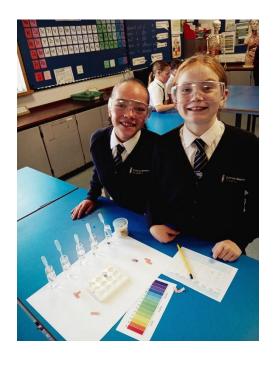


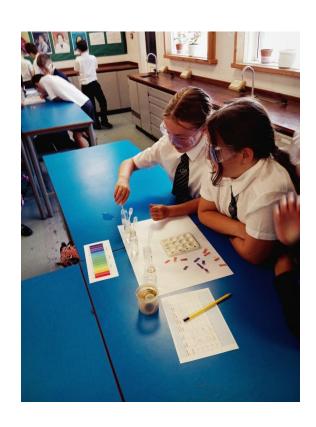
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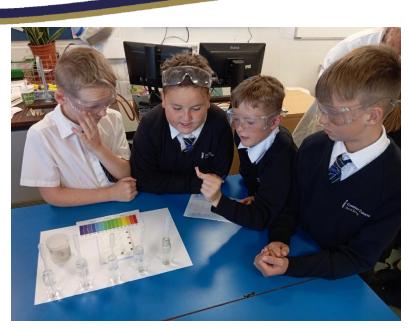


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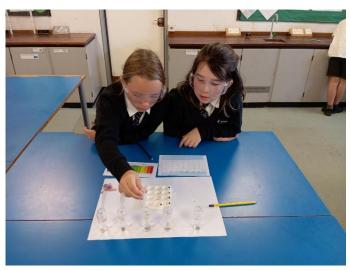


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Outdoor learning always plays a big part in the children's lives at Connor.





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